

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension of)
the Educator Certificate of)
Jamar A. Washington)
Certificate #180688)

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION
AND REINSTATEMENT**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this certificate suspension matter on November 9, 2004. On July 8, 2003, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) issued Mr. Jamar Anton Washington an Order of Summary Suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate number 180688 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Washington has agreed to conversion of the summary suspension to a regular suspension for the simultaneous sixteen-month period, July 8, 2003, through November 9, 2004. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the conversion of the summary suspension to a regular suspension with an automatic reinstatement of Mr. Washington's certificate, effective November 9, 2004.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Washington holds a South Carolina teaching certificate and has over seven years of experience credit. He was under contract as a teacher/coach at Manning High School in Clarendon County School District Two (District) for the 2002-2003 school year. Mr. Washington's educator certificate was summarily suspended in July 2003, due to allegations of inappropriate conduct toward a female student. Mr. Washington is alleged to have touched the student's buttocks. Mr. Washington denies this act, but agreed to resign from the District after the allegations arose in April 2003.

Jamar A.
Washing-ton
No.180688

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to convert the summary suspension to a regular suspension of Mr. Washington’s certificate # 180688, from July 8, 2003, through November 9, 2004, and to automatically reinstate Mr. Washington’s certificate, effective November 9, 2004.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Mary E. Jones
Dr. Mary E. Jones
Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
November 9, 2004

I, Jamar A. Washington, SC Teaching Certificate 180688, do hereby agree to the proposed Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, November 9, 2004.

/S/ Jamar A. Washington
Jamar A. Washington

11/1/04
Date